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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0118937
- (2) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0131737
- (3) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0155592
- (4) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0191884
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,532,326
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,539,155
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- (9) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0069948
- (10) Thierry Cassagneau, et al., ADVANCED MATERIALS, Vol. 14, No. 22, pp. 1629-1633 (2002)
- (11) Louis C. Bock, et al., NATURE, Vol. 355, pp. 564-566 (1992)
- (12) WO 92/14843
- (13) JP 9-216895
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 5,780,449
- (15) JP 8-252100
- (16) WO 91/19813

Documents (9), (14) and (16) are believed to be English-language counterparts to documents (7), (13) and (15), respectively, and are provided for the Examiner's convenience. In addition, English-language abstracts are provided for documents (7), (8), (13) and (15). Document (10) is cited in the specification at page 1, and documents (11) to (13) and (15) are cited in the specification at pages 82 and 83. Concise explanations of relevance are believed to be provided by the English-language counterparts, English-language abstracts and/or the specification.

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